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CARPET WOOL PRICES

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1947

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	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BA 6's Nov.	.290	.285	.285	.266	.266	.266	.306	.285	.285	.281	.285	.285
VZ crutchings	.400	.435	.435	.435	.430	.430	.485	.492	.492	.493	.530	.530
Indus/Pakistan	.562	.562	.56	.525	.527	.539	.550	.562	.588	.600	.610	.610
Tibet	.528	.492	.492	.485	.485	.485	.510	.511	.518	.518	.560	.560
Alpena	.575	.560	.560	.530	.545	.540	.550	.56	.575	.595	.620	.620
Indus/Pakistan	.570	.560	.560	.530	.543	.540	.548	.56	.560	.590	.610	.610
BA 8 Nov.	.327	.350	.328	.334	.366	.410	.445	.475	.491	.482	.551	.558
VZ crutchings	.568	-	.580	.562	.590	.631	.585	.612	.629	.618	.656	.665
Indus/Pakistan	.696	.664	.637	.618	.655	.680	.698	.703	.694	.680	.697	.710
Tibet	.610	.624	.586	.575	.587	.615	.640	.641	.626	.617	.650	.674
Alpena	.703	.710	.691	.639	.658	.690	.706	.705	.697	.677	.688	.700
Indus/Pakistan	.694	.720	.660	.620	.653	.660	.674	.700	.690	.683	.660	.720

1948

CARPET WOOL PRICES

CLEAN BASIS

1949

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BA 6's NOV.	.570	.553	.501	.515	.467	.441	.487	.532	.553	.495	.541	.616
Crutchings	.720	-	.695	.648	.661	.573	.597	.619	.601	.574	.611	.680

White India/Pakistan	.716	.691	.644	.637	.663	.654	.651	.674	.653	.626	.659	.733
White Aleppo	.658	.665	.625	.566	.629	.598	.598	.603	.633	.581	.600	.706
White Kareel/Kareel	.712	.680	.656	.640	.625	.603	.615	.671	.680	.639	.670	.748
White Kareel/Kareel	.72	.685	.690	.633	.620	.596	.650	.643	.650	.643	.650	.690

1950

BA 6's NOV.	.688	.745	.784	.839	.935	.933	.925	1.017	1.250	1.300	1.512	1.608
Crutchings	.763	.794	.778	.814	.878	.932	.963	1.051	1.243	1.325	1.522	1.607
White India/Pakistan	.769	.802	.832	.842	.921	.963	1.004	1.054	1.290	1.331	1.487	1.645
White Aleppo	.720	.738	.736	.773	.845	.900	.963	.987	1.178	1.252	1.379	1.574
White Kareel/Kareel	.801	.794	.783	.825	.911	.949	.962	1.039	1.227	1.253	1.389	1.530
White Kareel/Kareel	.765	.790	.827	.840	.905	.928	.97	.992	1.200	1.250	1.350	1.520

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1951

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
6's Nov.	1.93	2.16	2.23	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.07	.91	.998	.94	.87
Oruchinga	2.07	2.25	2.22	NA	NA	NA	1.11	.915	.80	.909	.91	.84
White India/Pakistan	1.93	2.02	2.05	1.80	1.45	1.16	1.11	1.03	.895	.961	.95	.885
Tibet	1.83	1.95	1.95	1.86	1.48	1.06	1.12	1.09	.905	.990	.971	.929
Alppo	1.87	1.88	1.92	1.72	1.37	1.13	1.00	.91	.871	.944	.926	.889
White Afghanistan/Katadi	1.74	2.01	1.99	1.73	1.43	1.16	1.07	1.03	.853	.95	.936	.922
White Afghanistan/Katadi	1.74	2.01	1.99	1.73	1.43	1.16	1.07	1.03	.853	.95	.936	.922

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